

# ***NEWS from*** **SENATOR BUZZ THOMAS**

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## **THOMAS ATTEMPTING TO MAKE DRIVING SAFER IN MI**

*Banning Cell Phones And Tougher Fines For Aggressive Driving Is Solution*

DETROIT—Citing the need to make Michigan's roads safer, State Senator Buzz Thomas (D-Detroit) today announced that he will be introducing two bills; one to limit cell phone use while driving, and the other to increase penalties for reckless driving.

"There is no question that driving while talking on a cell is a distraction and a serious hazard," Thomas said. "These two bills are an effort to make Michigan's roads a little safer, and with Labor Day this weekend it is a good time to do this."

Under Thomas' cell phone bill, a person cannot use a cell phone while passing or in the left lane of a highway. Under Thomas' aggressive driving bill, aggressive driving is defined as participating in more than one illegal activity, including:

- Reckless driving;
- Careless driving;
- Speeding;
- Tail-gating;
- Using the shoulder to pass; and
- Failing to yield the right-of-way.

A person convicted of aggressive driving will be guilty of a misdemeanor and be required to successfully complete classes designed to improve their driving.

"Aggressive drivers imperil everyone on the road and are a growing menace," Thomas said. "It is time we do something about people taking their aggression on the road and making their vehicles potential death-traps for everyone around them."

Thomas introduced these bills in the Michigan Senate today. They will be assigned bill numbers and to a committee when the Michigan Senate meets Tuesday.

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